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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as indicated on the following pages.

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REMARKS

Interview Summary

Applicant acknowledges the telephone interviews with the Examiner on October 5, 2004 regarding the proposed restriction between claims 1-18 and claims 19-34. Applicant confirms the election of claims 1-18 without traverse made in a telephone interview on October 8, 2004.

Claim Amendment

Applicant amends the claims to correct minor errors.

New Claims

Applicant submits new claims 35-40. Independent claim 35 is essentially claim 1 with the limitation of claim 4, but without the intervening limitation of claim 3. The remaining new claims recite additional limitations corresponding to selected claims dependent on claim 1.

Summary

Now pending are claims 1-18 and 35-40. Of these, claims 1, 9, and 35 are independent. Claims 19-34 have been withdrawn. No fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this response. However, to the extent fees are due, or if a refund is forthcoming, please adjust our deposit account 06-1050.

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